--- 1/20th Pound - “Series of 1883” - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press - in black ink - 4 mm blue controls - 152 x 14 mm - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- with the 54 mm “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal” sheet imprint ---

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John McKay records that 26,870 copies of the “1-20 lb. Black, Tobacco”, *recess printed* by hand press were ‘Delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

John McKay further records that 150,130 copies of the “1/20, Black, Tobacco”, *recess printed* by hand press, were ‘Delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). This was his final listing for the strip.

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	26,870 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **026870**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	150,130 recess (hand press)	**026871** to **177000**
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The catalogue lists these recess printed black “Series of 1883” 1/20th pound strips as follows:

RP-435 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, on vertical mesh wove - 152 x 14 mm.
RP-436 - 1/20th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - 152 x 14 mm.

NOTE: The perforated strip from the **4th BABN Contract** (measuring 152 mm. design length), recess printed by hand press, is on *vertical* mesh paper. The coarse roulette strip from the **5th BABN Contract** (also measuring 152 mm. design length), similarly was recess printed by hand press, but is on *horizontal* mesh paper. In this case the mesh orientation of the paper seems to make no difference in the length of the design. The longer strips (as found in the 1/16th pound black) seem to be the result of rotary press printing.

As Lee Brandom reports, beginning with the **Series of 1883**, ***no watermarked*** stamps are to be found, and this term will be dropped from the description.

--- RP-435 - 1/20th pound - perforated 12 - on vertical mesh wove ---

RP-435 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, with 4 mm. control **000181**

000012★	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000101	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000181★	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, a top of sheet inscription copy
000189	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000194	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000204	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000206	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000210★	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, a bottom of sheet inscription copy
000258	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000391-20	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, a full sheet of thirty strips (2 x 15)
000436	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, a top of sheet inscription copy
000489	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000498	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000500	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000503	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper
000519	RP-435	1/20th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper

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--- RP-436 - 1/20th pound - *coarse roulette* - on horizontal mesh wove ---

RP-436 - 1/20th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **071048,** on horizontal mesh wove

RP-436 - 1/20th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **071083 -** stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

071047	RP-436	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove paper
071048★	RP-436	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove paper,
071050	RP-436 CP	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - suspect
071083★	RP-436 CP	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - suspect

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